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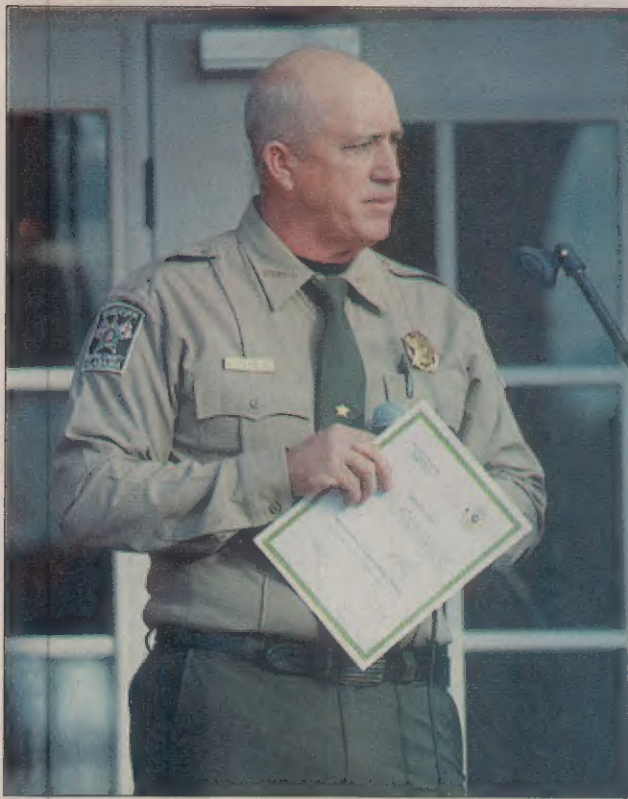
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Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd began his first term in office this week with a swearing-in ceremony held on the doorsteps of the historic Coffee County Courthouse in Elba on Monday, Jan. 16th. Sheriff Byrd is shown here addressing the large crowd gathered on the courthouse lawn for the swearing-in ceremony.

Scott Byrd sworn-in as Coffee County Sheriff

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Scott Byrd began his first term as Sheriff of Coffee County earlier this week when he accepted the oath of office Monday afternoon, Jan. 16, on the steps of the historic county courthouse building in Elba, Alabama. The oath was administered to Byrd by Coffee County District Judge Joshua Wilson.

Byrd defeated incumbent Dave Sutton in the 2022 election to become Coffee County's next sheriff. During Monday's ceremony, he officially named Michael Hines as his chief deputy and Jace Holley as captain of the department.

After taking his oath of office, Sheriff Byrd administered the oath of office to his team of deputies. He said he is looking forward with the deputies.

"We are going to operate this office like a family,"



Coffee County District Judge Joshua Wilson (right) administers the oath of office Monday, Jan. 16, to Scott Byrd as Sheriff of Coffee County for the next four years. Byrd was elected to serve as sheriff after defeating incumbent Dave Sutton for the job. Also pictured is Byrd's wife, KD, as she held the Bible for her husband during the ceremony.

Sheriff Byrd said, "We are going to be a family. We are here to serve the citizens of Coffee County."

He said he wants the citizens of the county to know

he and his deputies will be out in the county, interacting in the community, keeping everyone's stuff safe so the citizens feel comfortable leaving home and going to

work every day.

"Just know you are getting your bang for your

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Enterprise Mayor William Cooper, left, holds up the symbolic "key to the city" that he presented to Dr. Henry H. Terry during Sunday's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration event held in Enterprise. The event is hosted by the Community Awareness Organization of Enterprise, which Dr. Terry founded 35 years ago. Mayor Cooper also read a proclamation during the event in which he said the City of Enterprise had proclaimed Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, as Dr. Henry H. Terry Day for the city. Terry is pictured in the center reacting to the special honors bestowed by Mayor Cooper.

Elba native Dr. Henry Terry honored at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event held Sunday in Enterprise

by Linda Hodge, Editor

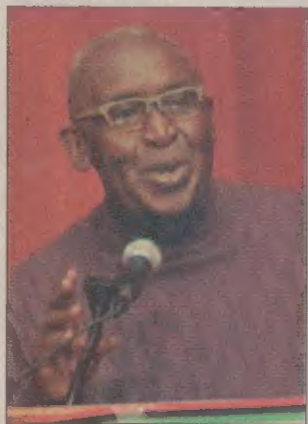
The Community Awareness Organization of Enterprise, Alabama hosted its 2023 celebration Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and special recognition was given to an Elba native during the program.

Dr. Henry H. Terry received a surprise recognition during the program when a special tribute honoring him took center stage. Terry was the founder 35 years ago of the Community Awareness Program in Enterprise. His inspiration was to initiate the first celebration in Enterprise honoring Dr. King.

That local program still goes strong today.

Dr. Terry also was the founder of the King Mass Choir, which continues to perform each year during the Community Awareness Organization's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event.

Henry Terry was born in Elba, Alabama. He was the youngest of seven children born to the late Annie Jo Terry. A 1982 graduate of Elba High School, he later earned his Bachelor's degree in music and Master's degree in music education from Alabama State University. He also earned the Education Specialist degree and his



Dr. Henry H. Terry

Doctor of Philosophy degree in music education from Auburn University.

In 1990, Dr. Terry was hired to teach piano and music theory at George Washington Carver High School's Creative and Performing Arts Center in Montgomery, Ala. He later was named the school's choral director.

After 33 years of teaching, Dr. Terry continues to use music to inspire student to reach their goals and realize that dreams are the result of hard work and perseverance.

Not only did the Community Awareness Organization honor its founder during last Sunday's event, but the City of Enterprise did so as well when Mayor William Cooper presented a city proclamation to Terry recognizing Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, as Dr. Henry H. Terry Day in Enterprise. Further, he presented Dr. Terry with a symbolic "key to the city" — which Mayor Cooper said might not unlock any doors, but it would unlock the hearts to the people of

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Area Happenings

The Evergreen Cemetery Board Meeting, originally scheduled for Jan. 12th was postponed due to inclement weather. The meeting now is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

The January 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. The meal and fellowship will begin at 6 followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Structural damage from storm causes temporary closure of Jack Post Office

The severe weather event Thursday afternoon, Jan. 12, damaged the post office building in Jack, Alabama [Zion Chapel community] when a tree fell and hit the top of the structure.

The U.S. Postal Service announced Friday, Jan. 13 that the safety and well-being of its employees and customers is priority, therefore, the damage to the Jack Post Office at 29950 Highway 87 in Jack had forced the temporary suspension of operations at that location. Postal officials will provide an update to customers once a thorough assessment has been completed, a press release



The Post Office in Jack, Alabama sustained structural damage during the severe storm that moved through the area last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 12th.

from the U.S. Postal Service announced.

During the temporary closure, postal customers may conduct retail transac-

tions at the Elba Post Office at 469 Claxton Ave North in

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Zion Chapel School reopens after storm damage assessed

Zion Chapel School in the Jack community sustained some damages last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 12, when a severe storm moved through the area.

Due to the damages, the Coffee County School System placed Zion Chapel on a virtual school day for Friday, Jan. 13, but students and faculty were able to return to the campus for school on Tuesday, Jan. 17, after a thorough assessment of the damage was completed.

"All work crews worked throughout the weekend to ensure all students and staff can return safely on Tuesday, Jan. 17," Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb said in a statement released Monday of this week. "All regular times for buses, students, and staff members will resume at normal times."

Schools were closed Monday for a holiday.

"I want to thank and express my gratitude to the school administrators, faculty, staff, first responders, and community for working together through such a difficult and scary situation," Cobb said. "You are all heroes in my eyes and did exactly what you were trained and supposed to do. Please take a moment this week and thank a teacher and first responder for their countless service and the sacrifices they all make every day."

Woodham takes office as Coffee County Coroner

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Coroner Arnold Woodham accepted the oath of office Sunday, Jan. 15, during a swearing-in ceremony held at Dalrymple Farms in Enterprise, Ala.

Also taking the oath of office during this ceremony were Mark Kelley and Patrick Alford. Woodham said Kelley would be his chief deputy coroner while Alford would serve as deputy coroner for the county.

Woodham was elected to serve as coroner last year, defeating incumbent Robert Preachers for the position. During Sunday's swearing-in ceremony, he thanked the voters of Coffee County for their confidence in him to serve as coroner.

The new coroner is no stranger to public service. He currently serves as operations manager with



Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson (left) administers the oath of office to Arnold Woodham (right) during a ceremony held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, in Enterprise. Also pictured is Brandy Woodham, holding the Bible for her husband as he is sworn-in as Coffee County's Coroner for the next four years.

Enterprise Rescue Inc., and he is fire chief for the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department.

Woodham said he believes serving as coroner

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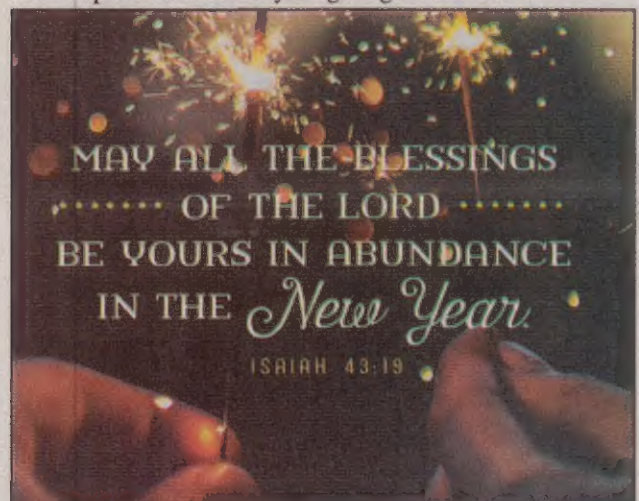
The new New York Republican congressman George Santos has been asked to resign by his own party! He has been accused of falsifying dozens of facts when telling voters his accomplishments. A list of things he is accused of lying about or at least embellishing would not fit on this page. So far, he has said he will not resign, even with his own party leaders openly saying you can't believe anything he says. It reminds us of something we read about a some 'out-of-favor' politician years ago . . . "You can tell he is lying because his lips are moving."

An update on our book reading "before the fire on these cold nights." WE quickly finished the book on Harper Lee by Wayne Flynt, then tackled the novel by John Grisham — the first novel we have read in over a year. Finished it during the past weekend and the good guys won! We are about to start the Jon Meacham history book on the life of Abe Lincoln. We have read a couple of Lincoln books and are anxious to see how Meacham handles him. We forgot to note that all three of these Christmas gift books are first editions and signed by the respective author.

A follow up on the comments last week about the six-year-old shooting a teacher. At this point the child has not been charged with any crime. There are prior incidents of that age child shooting someone and no charges filed on the professional opinions that a six-year-old can't understand they are actually killing or hurting a person. NOW, the adults who allowed the loaded firearm to be available to the child can be charged for one of several crimes.

Washington politics don't get any better, they just get worse. We are appalled at the shotty handling of secret documents by both Democrats AND Republicans. We cringed when it was released that Donald Trump had a stack of secret documents at his home. Now we read that Joe Biden was also careless with his handling of secret documents. They each bear blame for this but also those government employees who allowed the loose handling and/or record keeping on where a particular paper was at any given time.

COVID is still around and has displayed a winter surge in infections. However, the surge is far less than in the past two winters. Plus, thus far the average infection is milder than in previous years. The number of cases reported in January of last year was 159,510. Compare that to the 45,600 cases thus far in January of 2023. The folks keeping these numbers note that the 2023 numbers may be bloated for several reasons! The stats released by the Health Department include numbers that should serve as a warning to those of us over age 70. This group is surging at a more rapid rate than the younger age citizens.



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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2022, and Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — Suspicious vehicle reported on Claxton Ave (6:22 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (7:58 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card (9:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1595 Caroline St (2:23 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 263 (3:40 p.m.); Report of shots fired in Mulberry Heights (8:16 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1625 Parker St (8:22 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 318 Smith Ave (4:24 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:09 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (1:09 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 838 Claxton Ave N (2:45 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 987 Drayton Ave (2:54 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1367 County Rd 239 (4:06 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 1900 Reese Ave (7:23 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 219 Taylor Ave — w/impound (7:47 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 95 Russell St (9:35 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1409 Smith Ave (2:39 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:27 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one no action taken, three written warnings, and one citation.

Friday, Jan. 13 — Animal complaint reported at 1869 Martin Luther King Dr (10:10 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1012 Elm Ave (12:03 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on the Troy Hwy (5:59 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four citations, one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, Jan. 14 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 992 Hwy 203 (1:47 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three citations, four written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Jan. 15 — Trespassing reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (2:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 940 Carver Dr — w/impound (2:23 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 737 Williams Ave S — w/arrest (10:27 p.m.).

Monday, Jan. 16 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (1:52 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1698 Hickman Ave (10:30 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (10:54 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 918 Drayton Ave (11:37 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Reese Ave and Garrett St (9:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 764 Claxton Ave N (10:22 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

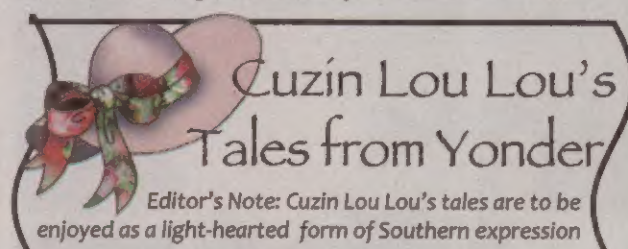
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Little Miss Elba Bella Bane helped serve refreshments Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, during the Coffee County Coroner Swearing-In Ceremony for Arnold Woodham.



Cuzin Lou Lou and the Yonder gang — well, minus Little Bean — crossed the state line last weekend to attend a Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) game.

This is something Lou Lou, Sister, and Papa try to do at least once each hockey season, and believe it or not, it was actually Sister that got the gang interested in watching live hockey matches. Lou Lou was surprised several years ago when Sister came home from a weekend trip with friends announcing that she was now fan of hockey!

Lou Lou called bull on that one to begin with, but Sister insisted that she loved it.

Sister had attended her first SPHL game with friends. When Lou Lou heard that the friends intended to take Sister to watch a hockey game, she laughed out loud. She assumed hockey would be like most other sports to Sister — boring and uninteresting!

Sister will attend live football games with Lou Lou and Papa, but she goes mostly to people-watch, not game-watch, and she almost refuses to attend baseball games with them. It hurts both Lou Lou and Papa's hearts for Sister to say that she does not like baseball, but they just have to accept that she obviously fell on her head at some point and knocked a few screws loose — even Mama loved the game of baseball, so that is telling for Sister to say she does not like it.

Fast forward to her first live hockey game, and Sister became an instant fan! Soon after, she got Lou Lou and Papa to attend a game with her, and they too loved the non-stop action of the game! Papa pretty much will watch any sport, but Lou Lou had her doubts about hockey. Those doubts washed away quickly when she realized just how action-packed a live hockey event is made to be for the fans!

The game itself is full of high-speed action, but there is even non-stop fun throughout the intermissions. This past weekend when the gang attended the game, the intermissions included 'wiener dog' races on the ice! Now, that was something to see!!

As the gang laughed at the dogs each and every race — some galloping quickly to the finish line, others getting a good start before suddenly losing their attention to something/someone else, to those simply not interested in performing for their owners by standing still when the race starts — all they could think about was "which kind" of racer Little Bean would have been if she had been out there! The conclusion was that Bean would have probably shot off the start line like a true racer, but that nose of hers would have quickly gotten distracted by the "new smell" of the ice and the race would have been over for her at that point.

The gang's favorite team didn't win on this occasion, but the three or four player scuffles that comes with hockey made it all worth the while, even taking a loss!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!!



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Local manufacturer Dorsey Trailer has joined forces with the Elba Public Library to help bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Coffee County to the library. On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17, Dorsey reps Bradley Bane and Joseph Scott delivered a check for just over \$500 to help support a year of books for approximately 20 children through the program. Those present for the check presentation included (from left) Bradley Bane of Dorsey Trailer; Little Miss Elba Bella Bane; Joseph Scott of Dorsey Trailers; Judy Penuel – director of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Coffee County; Little Miss Zion Chapel Bella Boutwell; Jennifer Amlong – director of the Elba Public Library; and Sandy Williams – director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. As of Tuesday, Amlong said 11 Elba/Zion Chapel area children had already signed up for the program through the Elba Public Library.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Coffee County is planning a “Dolly Look Alike” contest Thursday evening, Jan. 19, at ESCC

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Coffee County is all about providing free books to pre-school children and inspiring the love of reading.

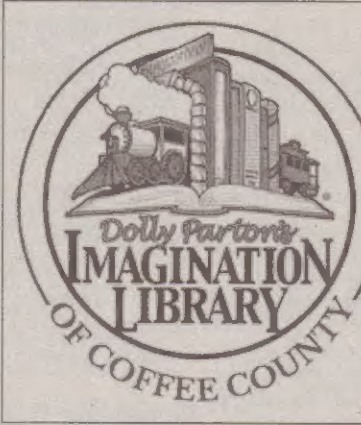
A Dolly Look Alike Contest is planned for Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Enterprise State Community College Black Box Theater. It is all about sharing the fun persona of Dolly Parton and raising funds and awareness of her Book Gifting Program in Coffee County. Contestants will showcase their Favorite Dolly Look and/or their best Dolly Talent plus there will be other entertainment and surprises.

Admission is free but donations for the program will be appreciated. All proceeds will go to providing free books for children.

Also, there will be an opportunity to register pre-school children at the event to be a part of the program. Children do not have to be present to be registered.

“We are excited to have this amazing book gifting program available for all children 5 and under of Coffee County and Ft Rucker, and what’s more fun than a room full of Dolly’s to raise money to support this program” said Judy Penuel Director of The Imagination Library of Coffee County.

The Elba Public Library has recently partnered with



the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Coffee County to provide books for children in west Coffee County, according to Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has become the pre-eminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted nearly 200 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland.

The Imagination Library mails more than 2 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to enrolled children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to dream more, learn more, care more and be more.

The impact of the program has been widely researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

For additional information locally, visit www.readcoffee-county.org or contact Judy Penuel, director, at 877-323-8663.

Thornton, Caldwell to keynote leadership conference at Troy University

Birmingham business- man, author and artist Larry D. Thornton Sr. and Rev. Darryl Caldwell, Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Banks, will be the keynote speakers for the John Robert Lewis Leadership Conference Feb. 3-4 at Troy University.

Presented by the University and the City of Troy, the conference, now in its 20th year, seeks to bring individuals together to promote dialogue that fosters multicultural collaboration to strengthen relationships and empower diverse leaders with the tools to better serve their organizations and communities.

Adult registration is \$30, while student registration is \$15. Registration is available online at www.troy.edu/leadershipconference.

“In our nation and world, leadership is needed today more than ever before,” said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor. “Developing servant leaders who are

Local students make Chancellor’s List at Troy University for fall

Troy University announces the names of its students who have been named to the Chancellor’s List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2022/2023 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor’s List.

Local students making the list included: Skyler Nalley, Abigail Wilson, and Gracie Coppage, all of Elba; Raegan Bragg, Whitney Childs, Anice Thompson, and Rebekah Phillips, all of Jack; Rebecca Senn, Kinston; and Jaden Boland, Caitlyn Nolin, Michael O’Neill, Jayleana Teele, and Amber Jones, all of New Brockton.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

BARBARA J. MCGUIRE
Mrs. Barbara J. McGuire, age 88, a resident of Cambridge Hills Assisted Living, Pittsboro, N.C., died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023.

Mrs. McGuire was a former resident of Elba, Ala., from 1961 to 1978, before relocating to North Carolina.

Memorial services will be determined at a later date.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, William C. (Bill) McGuire, and her daughter, Kimberly J. Johnson, of Raleigh, NC.

Survivors include her son: Mike (Valerie) McGuire, Elba; daughter: Michele Craig, Apex, N.C.; grandchildren: Taylor (Kim) McGuire, Mountain Brook, Ala.; Hunter (Emily) McGuire, Birmingham, Ala.; Molly (Stephen) Walker, Brantley, Ala.; Dr. Ashley (Nick) Dishler-Craig, and Cameron Craig, both of Raleigh; great-grandchildren: Wade and Madison Ruth McGuire, Mountain Brook, Sophie McGuire, Birmingham, Jay Walker, Brantley, Charlie and Eleanor Dishler, Raleigh.

HELEN KEMP

Mrs. Helen Kemp, age 89, of Montgomery, Ala., died Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at John Knox Manor in Montgomery.

Visitation will be held at Eastmont Baptist Church in

Montgomery on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 10 a.m., followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mike Northcutt officiating. Burial services will be held at the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery in Elba, Ala., at 2:30 p.m., with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband: James Marion Kemp, Montgomery; daughter: Janet (Gary) Mangus, Montgomery; granddaughter: Rebecca (James) Mangus Gerity, Independence, Ky.; grandson: James Michael Mangus, San Francisco, Calif.; great-grandsons: Lucas Mangus, and Grayson Mangus Gerity; sister: Patsy Hanchey, Augusta, Ga.; sisters-in-law: Andrea King, Crestwood, Ky., and Janet King, Troy, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Enterprise.

A very gracious Dr. Terry thanked the Community Awareness Organization and the City of Enterprise for such a special honor.

Following the academic excellence awards portion of the program, those in attendance for the event enjoyed more music selections from the King Mass Choir, and the special guest speaker for the event was Archbishop Carl McComb, minister of the Daleville Christian Fellowship Worship Center.

Also honored as the Community Awareness Organization’s scholarship recipient was Aliyannah Sanders, a 2022 grad of Enterprise High School.

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For this reason, the worst thing you can do during the grieving process is try to stifle your emotions or bottle your feelings. Attempting to “keep it to yourself” means those negative feelings churn and rage inside you, which can have a corrosive impact on your well-being.

It’s okay if there are days or even seasons when you don’t want to talk about the way you’re feeling - but ultimately, grief is something that needs to be processed out loud, whether that means talking with a close friend, a therapist, or the members of a grief support group. Additionally, remember grief can have different stages - and all of them can be good. Depression, denial, and anger can all be part of the grief journey. None of these emotions are particularly fun, but they can be helpful. Each one represents your mind trying to work out the sensation of loss.

Grieving is always tough, but it can also be productive - ultimately moving you into a healthier headspace. As you go through the good but hard process of grieving, remember to show yourself some patience and some grace.

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CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS



Above, the Enterprise King Mass Choir performs during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration hosted Sunday, Jan. 15, by the Community Awareness Organization at the Enterprise Civic Center.

Left, Coffee County Commissioner Jimmy Jones speaks during the event.

Elba Public Library to host afterschool math program

The Elba Public Library is hosting an afterschool program this spring designed to help small groups of students develop their math skills.

Students work one-on-one with personnel to practice basic math operations, such as multiplication, division, and fractions. The program will be implemented by PicScience, an organization that works to improve access to STEM, preparing students for career opportunities in the future.

The library hosted this

program last summer and fall.

"I want to thank PicScience, Hanna Jones and Sydney Brackin for working with our kids," Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong said. "They seemed to enjoy it and that says a lot about the program and the leaders!"

The program will run from Monday, Jan. 23, through Monday, April 24, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. Registration is available at the Elba Public Library.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

897-3611

Scripture: The Eternal Reign of the Lord. Psalm 93: 1-5

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Wendy Wood, Kimberly Kelley, Beatrice Belcher, New Glorious Church Family, Brittany Woodfolk Gillian, Betty Moore, Shirley Coleman, Mamie Belcher, Bernice Culver

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Lula Cole 2/2
Eria Lindsey Belcher 2/2 (in memory)
Vera Lindsey Williams 2/2 (in memory)
Danny Fleming 2/2
Ciarra Magwood 2/4
Renae Ware 2/5
Rev. Brian Brunson 2/7
Renethia Renaye Cruetson 2/7
Jada K. Duncan 2/7
S'nia Smedley 2/8
Vincent Smith 2/8
Kyson Edwards 2/9
Keyshawna Gavin 2/9
Quinton S. Gavin 2/10

Responding to a call of distress

A distress call from off the Florida coast was received by the United States Coast Guard. When the rescue team arrived, it found a sixteen-foot boat being dragged in circles by something that had attached itself to the boat's anchor rope. Even the boat's ninety-horsepower engine was useless; it was being pulled steadily out to sea.

The Coast Guard rescue boat attached its winch to the motorboat's anchor rope. Eventually, the rescue team pulled to the surface a giant manta ray that measured eighteen feet in width and was estimated to weigh more than a ton. It could have pulled the boat to the boom of the ocean had it been able to reach deep water.

The man from Macedonia whom Paul saw in his

vision was also issuing a distress call. His cry for help was a plea for someone to bring the gospel message to him and his people. They were feeling the devastating effects of a sinful pagan culture that was pulling them down to certain spiritual and moral destruction. This crisis call was heard by those who had what was needed to accomplish a rescue: the right message and the right spirit. The gospel had the power to save, and Paul and his team were willing to take it to others. The church has the same message today and the world's need is the same. The question is whether the church has the right spirit — a willingness to go where the message is needed. — C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 1/19/23

True or False
Q: Some Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of not praying before eating.

A: False [Matthew 15:2]
Q: Jesus described the mustard seed as the greatest of all seeds.

A: False [Matthew 13: 31, 32]

Q: Jesus said the Pharisees were blind.

A: True [Matthew 23:24]

Thought to Remember

What God builds with us endures.

What we build without Him does not.

Questions for the Week of 1/26/23

Multiple Choice

Q: Who ate the shewbread intended only for the priest? (Joshua, Saul, David)

Q: The rich man wanted Lazarus to warn whom? (his wife, friends, brothers)

Q: How many elders are seated around the throne of God? (4, 12, 24)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rocky Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Samson, Ala. Richard Thorne Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Philip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Sunday School... 10:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kil Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Philip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Dann Bradsheaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Eversore - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Ed Russell, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Bible Study... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS COGIC James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Bib. Stud. Wed... 6:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

COURTNEY CUMMINGS, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN PARTIES being the heirs of devisees Of Thelma Jean Blue, Defendants.**CASE NO. CV-2022-900107**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Courtney Cummings has filed a Complaint pursuant to Section 6-6-560, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended, against any and all persons claiming any interests in the following said land, to-wit:

Parcel One:

All our right, title and interest in and to one lot of land, together with the dwelling house and all other improvements thereon, in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, lying in and being a part of the NW ¼ of NE ¼, Section 20, Township 4, Range 22, that is better described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South right of way line of Griswold Street and which point is 180 feet, more or less, East of the East right of way line of Fleming Street and which point is also the Northeast corner of lot of land owned by Waymon Mallisham and running thence in a Southerly direction along the East boundary of said Mallisham lot for a distance of 90 feet; thence Easterly for a distance of 60 feet; thence Northerly for a distance of 90 feet and to the South right of way line of Griswold Street; thence West along the South right of way line of Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the prop-

erty that was conveyed by C.W. Carmichael to Corine Sawyer on November 26, 1936, and which conveyance is recorded in Deed Book 27, page 34, in the Probate Office in Enterprise, Alabama.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 83, Page 606.

Parcel Two:

One vacant lot of land in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South margin of Griswold Street and at the Northeast corner of property of Thelma Jean Blue, Louis Reynolds and wife, Tula Reynolds, and running thence South for a distance of 90 feet, more or less; thence West along the South boundary of said Blue and Reynolds property for a distance of 60 feet, more or less; thence South for a distance of 75 feet, more or less, and to the North margin of Sawyer Street (which is unopened at this time); thence East along the North margin of said Sawyer Street for a distance of 120 feet, more or less, and to the Southwest corner of property of Marion and Fannie Newson; thence North along the West boundary of said Newson property for a distance of 165 feet, more or less, and to the South margin of aforesaid Griswold Street; thence West along the South margin of said Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet, more or less, and to the point of beginning.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 95, Page 791.

Any personal claiming any interest in said land shall have thirty (30) days from the last date of publication

of this notice in order to file an answer in Case No. CV-2022-900107 pending in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Done this 22nd day of December, 2022.Circuit Clerk
12/29, 1/5, 12&19-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of CHERYL ELIZABETH NICHOLS
Deceased**CASE NO: PC2023-001**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ann T. Nichols and Cheryl Nichols Mashburn, as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Cheryl Elizabeth Nichols, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.s/s Gypsy Morrow Smith
Gypsy Morrow Smith (MOR100)
Attorney for Co-Executrixes
119 E. Three Notch Street
Andalusia, Alabama 36420
(334) 222-8220
1/19,26 -2/2-pd**In accordance with Alabama Code 32 Section 32-13-1** the following vehicle will be sold at auction on February 23, 2023 at 8:00 am at, 9542 Highway 125 Elba, AL, 36320
2006 Honda Accord VIN #1HGCN56846A131304
1/19,26-pd

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Celebration held in Elba

A Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Celebration was held Monday morning, Jan. 16, in Elba.

The event began with a remembrance march from Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located on Newton Street, to the Elba Theatre, located on the square in Elba. Following the march, participants were invited to enjoy brunch inside the theatre, and guest speakers followed the meal - here are some photos from the theatre.



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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We got our grandson Lawson several books over the holidays and every day when he comes to the house he reads a few chapters after doing his homework. I know it may sound a little strange for a twelve-year-old boy to enjoy reading, but Lawson is a like a sponge seeking knowledge and knows there is more to learning than just what you do in the classroom. I think he is on a good path!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers split their two area games* last week and appear headed for a 'play in' game against Houston County in the opening round of the area tournament. The Tigers have proven they can beat anybody on their schedule on any given night, but have yet to knock off a ranked opponent and will need to keep on improving to have a shot at making it to the second round in post-season play. As for the Lady Tigers, Elba has showed time and time again it is the team to beat in the area and last week pounded two area challengers to remain atop the standings. Super sophomore A'Lyric Whitfield has settled in and is averaging around thirty points a game since the holiday break, while the Lady Tigers have recorded shutouts in four quarters in their last four games, which is almost unbelievable in basketball. Elba has a real chance to post a winning in basketball record this season in boys' varsity, girls' varsity and junior varsity, and that would certainly make it a season to remember.

*** *The area high school basketball scene* has been wild and fun to watch all season long, and last week was no different as all the teams battled for all four quarters every night out as they competed in the area wars. In boys' play Brantley is still the team to beat in its area, while Kinston is still my pick to pull off a surprise come tournament time, New Brockton may be for real after last week's upset over Pike County, and Zion Chapel is still as dangerous as ever and plays as hard as any team in the state. Over on the girls' side, Brantley and New Brockton appear to both have solid shots at advancing out of their area tournaments, while Kinston and Zion Chapel both play hard, but don't really seem quite ready to challenge for an area title.

*** *I guess it is safe to say* that TCU won't stand in line to join the SEC after last week's embarrassing 65-7 loss to Georgia, in the national championship game. Most college football fans in the south knew TCU had no business in the college football playoffs despite their record in the not-so Big 12 Conference and also knew the only reason the 'horny toads' were even in the mix was because they were this year's ESPN choice to publicize and fool the sportswriters into thinking they were actually a football power. TCU would probably be favored to defeat a couple of SEC teams like Vanderbilt and maybe Missouri, but the rest of the conference would make road kill out of the toads. I am not a Georgia fan, but will admit it was good to see the Bulldogs prove the football politicians wrong, again!

*** *Before leaving the world of college football* I have to try to calm down some of my fellow Troy Trojan fans. It is true the Trojans finished the season with a 12-2 record and deserves credit for an outstanding year, but for some Trojan fans to insinuate the team was the best in Alabama because of its record is crazy. Troy doesn't play in the SEC and lost its only venture into the conference to Ole Miss, and I honestly don't believe for a second the Trojans could compete with either Alabama or Auburn. C'mon guys, Troy only beat South Alabama 10-6! Also, for some Trojan fans to get upset that it was placed one spot behind Notre Dame in the final standings is almost as hard to believe. I am not a Fighting Irish fan, but to compare the Trojans and Notre Dame based solely on their records also makes no sense. True, Notre Dame lost four games, but three of its losses were to Southern Cal, Stanford, Ohio State, not exactly Sun Belt foes. I am proud of the Trojans and their success this season, but to finish the season ranked 19th and to be ranked ahead of such teams as Mississippi State, UCLA, South Carolina and Texas should be more than enough to brag about without looking for superlatives that will only draw more laughs than praise.

*** *In closing....* I know I have complained about former Alabama defensive coordinator Pete Golding for the past several years and hope the upcoming change will bring with it a return to defensive dominance at Bama, but I also have to admit it was probably as good a move for Golding as it was for the Tide. Golding took all the criticism when the Alabama defense turned in less than spectacular performances, despite being just the front man for a defensive unit that was totally controlled by Nick Saban. In my opinion, the youthful assistant coach was just the mouthpiece for Saban, who is seemingly bullet proof at Alabama, because Saban still takes a very active role on the defensive side of the ball and even coaches defensive backs at practice I am not joining the Pete Golding fan club, but at Ole Miss he will at least get to the boss on defense and get the chance to show whether or not he worthy of leading a defense in the SEC. I guess only time will tell how Bama fans remember the coach that many loved to hate.

Elba Parks and Recreation

Upcoming Youth Basketball Games:

8U Boys

Jan. 21 Elba vs Kinston
(Home) 10 a.m.

8U Girls

Jan. 21 Elba vs Kinston
(Home) 9 a.m.

** *Elba 8U home games are played at the Elba Elementary School gym*

10U Boys

Jan. 21 Elba vs Kinston
(Home) 10 a.m. & 12 noon
Jan. 24 Elba vs New Brockton (Away) 6:30 p.m.

10U Girls

Jan. 21 Elba vs Kinston
(Home) 11 a.m.

12U Boys

Jan. 21 Elba vs Kinston
(Home) 1 & 3 p.m.
Jan. 23 Elba vs Zion Chapel
(Home) 7 p.m.
Jan. 24 Elba vs New Brockton (Away) 7:30 p.m.

12U Girls

Jan. 21 Elba vs Kinston
(Home) 2 p.m.
Jan. 23 Elba vs Zion Chapel
(Home) 6 p.m.

** *Elba 10U and 12U home games are played at the Elba High School gym*

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Split area games

Tigers demolish Houston County 74-25

The Elba Tigers continued to battle area foes last week on the basketball court and while they claimed an important 74-25 road win over the Houston County Lions, a second half meltdown resulted in a 78-45 home loss to the Florala Wildcats as their area record slipped to 2-2.

Following is a recap of both games:

Elba 74 Houston County 25

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 15-0 lead and never looked back last Tuesday night in a lopsided 74-25 area win over the Houston County Lions, at the Tiger gym.

A three-pointer by JT Coleman started the big run to open the game, while a three-pointer by Jacob Watkins ended the run as Elba jumped out to a 15-0 lead with 2:33 remaining in the first quarter. The Tigers carried a 17-6 lead into the second quarter and quickly upped their lead to 23-6 as Alvin Henderson sparked a 6-0 run, and although the pace slowed late in the stanza, the Tigers never lost command and were on top 28-11 at the half.

Houston County scored the first four points of the third quarter to pull within 28-15, but three-pointers by Cody Gray and Jacob Watkins helped Elba regain command as the Tigers closed the quarter on a 17-0 run to take a big 55-19 advantage. The Lions rallied early in the final stanza to cut the Tigers lead to 61-25, but Elba closed the game on a 13-0 run behind the play of Cayden Adkins and Brady Johnson to post the 74-25 area win.

Alvin Henderson scored 11 points and Jacob Watkins added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 9, Cameron Gray 9, JT Coleman 8, Brady Johnson 8, Brayden Johnson 6, Cayden Adkins 5, Cody Gray 4, Taylon Purvis 3 and Ty Sieving 1. Colton Louninick scored 9 points to lead Houston County.

Florala 78 Elba 45

The Elba Tigers saw a 33-30 halftime lead vanish in the final two quarters in a disappointing 78-45 home court loss to the Florala Wildcats.

Florala came out ready to play in the first quarter and raced out to a 9-2 lead with 5:16 remaining in the stanza. However, three-pointers by Elba's JT Coleman and Taylon Purvis helped the Tigers pull within 12-10 with 4:02 left in the quarter, and after Brayden Johnson nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer the Tigers found themselves trailing 18-15 heading into the second stanza. Florala remained in front for much of the second quarter and owned a slim 27-26 lead with 4:20 left in the half, but Elba again rallied and sparked by Alvin Henderson went on a 7-0 run to open up a 33-27 advantage with 1:09 left on the clock and was still on top 33-30 at intermission.

Florala opened the second half with a pair of slam dunks to gain momentum and took a 34-33 lead, and while Jacob Watkins did drain a pair of three-pointers in the stanza for the Tigers, the Wildcats never lost command as they poured in 25 third quarter points to carry a 55-44 lead into the final stanza. Florala scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to stretch its lead to 61-44 and outscored Elba 23-4 in the final eight minutes to hand the Tigers the painful 78-45 area loss.

Alvin Henderson scored 9 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacob Watkins 8, Cody Gray 5, Cameron Gray 5, Brayden Johnson 5, Jamal Siler 4, JT Coleman 3, Ty Sieving 3 and Taylon Purvis 3. Rayshon Coleman scored 27 points and Christian Greasham added 21 to lead Florala.

Elba Lady Tigers take command in area

The Elba Lady Tigers posted a pair of big wins over Houston County 66-15 and Florala 53-17 last week to remain undefeated in area play as they pushed their area record to 4-0.

Following is a recap of last week's area action:

Elba 66 Houston County 15

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their dominance over area opponents last Tuesday night with a resounding 66-15 romp over the Houston County Lady Lions, at the Elba gym.

Elba was determined to take charge early and did just that A'Lyric Whitfield, Kendra Juarez and Yada Caldwell provided the spark for an early explosion as the Lady Tigers raced out to a 28-0 lead early in the second quarter. Houston County finally got on the scoreboard with 6:24 left in the half, but it made little difference as Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield nailed a trio of three-pointers in the final five minutes of the half to send the Lady Tigers into the dressing room with a 42-5 lead at intermission.

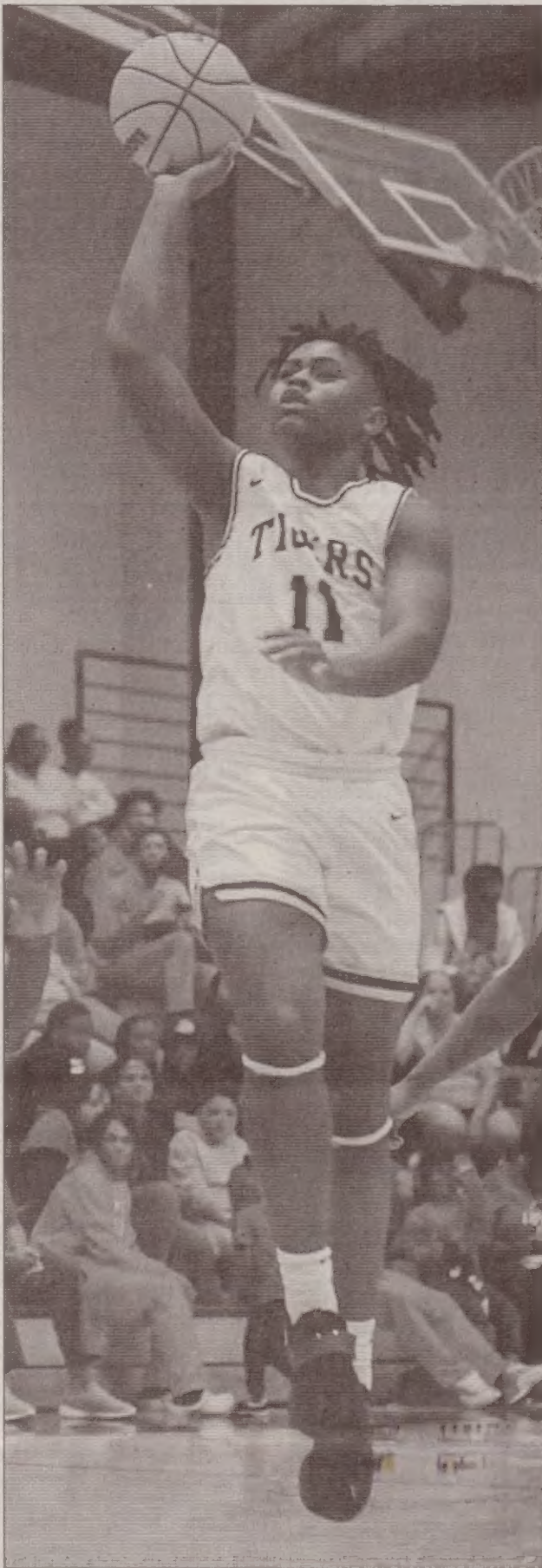
Whitfield added two more three-pointers in the opening minutes of the third quarter and Alavia Stinson got in on the fun from behind the arc as Elba upped its lead to 60-9 by the end of the stanza, and the Lady Tiger reserves, led by Ayrika Caldwell, mopped up the win in the fourth quarter to keep Elba unbeaten in area play.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 36 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ayrika Caldwell 8, Alayvia Stinson 7, Yada Caldwell 4, Ny'Asia McCollough 3, Brooke Tinsley 2, Tajah Purvis 2, Ana Caldwell 2 and Kendra Juarez 2. Diamond Ealey-Carter scored 11 points to lead Houston County.

Elba 53 Florala 17

The Elba Lady Tigers used a 30-0 first half run to take command as they flattened the Florala Lady Wildcats 53-17 at home to remain atop the area standings.

Elba appeared to be in a battle early in the first quarter as Florala owned a 5-4 lead with 5:08 remaining in the stanza. However, the Lady Tigers woke up with 4:41 on the clock after a three-pointer by A'Lyric Whitfield and



Elba Tiger Jacob Watkins (11) soars as he heads to the goal for an easy basket.

(Photo by BSC Sports Photography)

scored the final five points of the quarter to grab a 10-5 advantage heading into the second quarter. Elba took command early in the second quarter and sparked by 15 points by Whitfield outscored the Lady Cats 25-0 in the stanza to take command and carried a 34-5 lead in at intermission.

Florala scored its first points in over 11 minutes early in the third quarter, but Elba never slowed down and used a 9-0 run late in the quarter to carry a big 46-10 lead into the final stanza. The Lady Tigers managed to add only seven points to their total in the fourth quarter, but the Elba reserves easily held on and put the wraps on the 53-17 area win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 28 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 6, Tajah Purvis 4, Ana Caldwell 4, Ny'Asia McCollough 4, Yada Caldwell 4 and Ayrika Caldwell 3. Kyndra Anthony scored 15 points to lead Florala.

Elba JV rolling along

The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and coasted in with an impressive 45-29 win over the Florala Wildcats, Friday night at home.

Elba owned a slim 14-10 lead after one quarter, but outscored the Wildcats 11-3 in the second quarter to stretch its lead to 25-13 and opened up a 37-18 lead in the third quarter as the Tigers rolled to the big home court win.

Brady Johnson scored 21 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Emmanuel Cooks 12, Javante Griggs 7 and Kalil Magwood 7. Jayden Bradberry scored 15 points to lead Florala.



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ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel Hannah Finger (5) looks for a teammate to make a pass.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Kinston Bulldog lays in an easy two-pointer in last week's area road win over Houston County.



Kinston Lady Bulldog tightens up on defense in last week's area road win over Houston County.

BOYS:

Zion Chapel falls to Squadron 64-55

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their area record dip to 0-2 with a 64-55 road loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Slade Grantham scored 24 points and Jacob Chestnut added 14 to lead the Rebels.

Brantley clobbers Goshen 59-27

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy in a 59-27 win over the Goshen Eagles. Keldric Brown scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Dylan Davis added 10 points and 10 rebounds and Jayden Parks handed out 10 assists.

New Brockton falls to Opp 57-48

The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped a 57-48 area contest to the Opp Bobcats. AJ Coleman scored 19 points to lead the Bobcats, while JaKellus Lane added 15 points and 10 rebounds, and JaKayne mount scored 11 points and pulled down 18 rebounds.

Kinston drops clash to Florala 69-52

The Kinston Bulldogs slipped to 1-2 in area play with a 69-52 loss to the Florala Wildcats. Reece Hall scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Tripp Hawthorne added 14 and Cale Sumblin scored 11. Christian Greasham scored 22 points to lead the Wildcats.

Brockton rallies past Bulldogs 53-49

The New Brockton Gamecocks outscored Pike County 19-9 in the fourth quarter to claim an exciting 53-49 area win over the Bulldogs. Matthew Smith scored 17 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Yassiah Rousseau added 16 and Baylon Foster scored 12 as New Brockton improved its area record to 2-1. Markelis Hobdy and Chimarion Brown both scored 12 points to lead Pike County.

Zion Chapel coasts past Goshen 73-48

The Zion Chapel Rebels made it look easy in a 73-48 area win over the Goshen Eagles. Jacob Chestnut scored 28 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Slade Grantham added 18 and Mason Stuart scored 13 as the Rebels improved their area record to 1-2. Jayden McNabb scored 18 points to lead the Eagles.

Kinston Bulldogs cage Lions 61-27

The Kinston Bulldogs were never challenged in an easy 61-27 area win over the Houston County Lions. Tripp Hawthorne and Reece Hall both scored 20 points to lead Kinston, which evened its area record at 2-2 with the win. Jack Yoell scored 8 points to lead winless Houston County.

GIRLS:

Lady Bulldogs roll past Goshen 36-27

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rolled to a solid 36-27 win over the Goshen Lady Eagles. A.C. Free scored 12 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Jahyia Oliver added 11 points and Myia Mount pulled down 13 rebounds.

New Brockton drops Opp 50-48

The New Brockton Gamecocks remained unbeaten in area play with an exciting 50-48 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Ariana Smith scored 13 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Gabby Eubanks and Reese Eddins both added 12 points. Vanessa Stoudemire scored 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Bobcats.

Kinston flattened by Florala 43-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their season-long struggles with a 43-31 area loss to the Florala Lady Wildcats. Kaley Norris scored 11 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Gamecocks popped by Pike 57-31

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 57-31 area contest to the Pike County Lady Bulldogs. Gabby Eubanks scored 14 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, which saw their area record slip to 2-1, while Ivy White scored 24 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, which remained undefeated in area action.

Lady Rebels edged by Lady Eagles 33-28

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw a three-point fourth quarter lead vanish late in a 33-28 area loss to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Shea Wambles scored 7 points to lead the Lady Rebels, which fell to 0-3 in area play, while AJ Rogers scored 12 points for the Lady Eagles, which improved to 1-1 in the area with the win.

Kinston rips Houston County 44-26

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs got back in the win column with a solid 44-26 area win over the Houston County Lady Lions. Kaley Norris scored 29 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, which improved to 1-3 in area play, while Diamond Ealy-Carter scored 24 points for the winless Lady Lions.

PREP SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 19

Elba at Florala

Kinston at Brantley

Pike Lib at Zion Chapel

Friday, Jan. 20

Pike Lib at Elba

Opp at New Brockton

Goshen at Zion Chapel

Saturday, Jan. 21

Highland Home at

Brantley

Monday, Jan. 23

Brantley at Houston

County

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Brantley at Elba

New Brockton at Pike

County

Florala at Kinston

Thursday, Jan. 26

Elba at Wicksburg

Florala at Brantley

Highland Home at Zion

Chapel

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Class 1A 'Back of the Year' Alvin Henderson (right) accepts congratulations from Elba Tiger assistant coach Al Gilmore.

Henderson named
1A 'Back of the Year'

The Alabama Sports Writers Association held its annual 'Mr. Football' awards banquet last week in Montgomery and taking home the hardware as the Class 1A 'Back of the Year' was Elba Tiger standout Alvin Henderson.

Henderson, a sophomore, all-state performer at Elba High, scored a state high 46 touchdowns this past season to lead the Tigers to an 11-1 record, and rushed for 2,636 yards, which ranked third in the state.

"It feels amazing to win the 1A back of the year award," said Henderson, in a post-ceremony interview. "It was one of my goals entering the season and I feel honored to receive it."

Henderson, the first player from Elba to receive a statewide award at the annual banquet, averaged 219.7 yards per game rushing and averaged 13.5 yards per carry.

"Now my goal is to get back to work and try to be even better next season," added Henderson. "My coaches want me to get better each and every game as a complete player and now I will get back to work in the weight room and on the field to do just that."

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LOCAL NEWS



Coffee County Sheriff's Office Deputies, under the Sheriff Scott Byrd administration, accepted the oath of office administered by their leader Monday afternoon, Jan. 16, during a swearing-in ceremony held on the lawn of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Ala. Sheriff Byrd said he looks forward to working with this group.

SHERIFF

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buck," Byrd said. "I'm telling you...it takes a lot. I've already looked at some budget numbers, and it takes a lot to police people."

Further, the new sheriff said he would keep an open office, and he wants the citizens to come see him if they have a need. He joked that he had already hung his deer heads in the office.

"I am just at awe with everybody that is here today," Byrd said. "I want to thank my family for sticking by me, and I want to thank you all for coming out here today [for the swearing-in ceremony] to support us. I am here to be your sheriff. Thank you for what you have done for me, and I am looking for good things for Coffee County."

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Transactions may include buying stamps, mailing a parcel, or shipping an urgent letter or package via Priority Mail Express. For SSK locations, visit usps.com.

Local mail delivery will not be impacted by this temporary suspension.



Sheriff Scott Byrd officially named his leadership team for the Coffee County Sheriff's Office during Monday's swearing-in ceremony, which will include Michael Hines (front, left) serving as Chief Deputy and Jace Holley (front, right) serving as the department's Captain.

Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

Friday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.:

Mobile Eye Clinic Unit will be here seeing anyone that needs to be seen. Glasses average \$20. This is open to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:

Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have five (5) classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. First class in a series of four classes. IN PERSON CLASSES.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, 11 a.m.:

Memorial Service for Tim Mitchell. Lunch at 12 (Noon) followed by Tribal Meeting 1 p.m. Zoom will have prior approval for use. Mandatory SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TODAY OR OTHERWISE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:

Farm Business Classes for certification. Will learn how to write business plans, assess resources and needs, prepare, and read spread sheets and other financial records, identify needs and resources. Will have 4 classes and must attend all classes to receive small stipend at the end. Second class in a series of five classes.

Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.

Newman named to SNHU President's list for fall semester

Dallas Newman of New Brockton, Ala., has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2022 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

CORONER

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is one of the most important jobs there is for a public servant because the coroner is dealing with people/families during a most difficult time — the death of a loved one.

"We're here to serve them, take care of the deceased and make sure they get the respect and dignity they are due," he said. "Our team looks forward to doing a good job for Coffee County."

As for his partners, Woodham said he knew right away after winning the election to be coroner that he wanted to ask Kelley to be his chief deputy coroner. He said Kelley is a good friend that is kind of like a co-worker because Kelley serves on the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. Also, he said he is retired from the Alabama Department of Corrections, retired from the Alabama National Guard, and he was even a past police officer.

"I assure you with the choice of Mark Kelley, if something happens to me, the office of coroner will still go good," Woodham said.

He said Alford is a co-worker at Enterprise Rescue.

"In seeing [Patrick] in action, I can promise you he is going to do the right thing and a good job," Woodham said. "More importantly, he will be respectful on the job."

Woodham thanked his family, pastor, friends and other colleagues prior to being sworn-in to office by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson. He also said he had already been meeting and discussing some plans with newly elected Sheriff Scott Byrd, and one thing that will be implemented immediately is the relocation of the

New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more info., contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.



Mark Kelley (right) of Elba accepted the oath of office Sunday, Jan. 15, to serve as chief deputy coroner under Coffee County Coroner Arnold Woodham for the next four years. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson. Also pictured is Kellie Kelley, holding the Bible for her husband during the swearing-in ceremony.



Patrick Alford (right) of Enterprise accepted the oath of office Sunday, Jan. 15, to serve as deputy coroner under Coffee County Coroner Arnold Woodham. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson. Also pictured is Brooke Alford, holding the Bible for her husband during the swearing-in ceremony.

Coffee County Coroner's office.

Woodham said the office has been, in the past, located in the basement of the county courthouse, but as of Monday, Jan. 16, he said the office will be located inside the Coffee County Sheriff's Office in New Brockton. He said that would make it a more suitable place to meet with people.

"I ask the people of Coffee County to pray for this office and the things we know we are going to have to endure as part of the job," Woodham said. "We know we are going to see people on the worst day of their lives. I just pray that God will give us the strength and courage to say the right things to people to try and comfort them as much as we can."



THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT was among the emergency responders dispatched Friday morning, Jan. 13, to the scene of a two-vehicle wreck at the Curtis community intersection of U.S. Hwy 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141 in Coffee County. The accident happened around 11 a.m. Upon arrival on scene, responders found that two SUV's had collided in the intersection — a white Acura and a gray Porsche (as shown above). At least one person, from the Porsche, was taken by Enterprise Rescue for treatment of injuries sustained in this accident.

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Several local students named to Troy University's fall semester Provost's List

Troy University announces the names of its students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2022-2023 academic year. Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. Local students named to the list include: Kacy Hussey, Elba; Nathan Braisted, Nautica Morgan, and Savannah Parker, all of Jack; Kathryn Free and Madison Lolley, both of Kinston; and Esteban Garcia, New Brockton.

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Enterprise lawyer James Tarbox appointed as District Attorney for 12th Judicial Circuit

On Friday, Jan. 20, Governor Kay Ivey officially appointed James Tarbox as District Attorney of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Alabama, which serves Coffee and Pike counties.

Tarbox immediately replaces Tom Anderson, who was elected to the current term but vacated the office.

"You will serve the remainder of the term vacated by Mr. Tom Anderson," Governor Ivey wrote in a letter addressed to Tarbox notifying him of the appointment. "As one



James Tarbox

of my appointees, you will be making important decisions that directly affect the

citizens of Alabama. I have made honesty and integrity a priority in my administration, and I know that you will embody these two virtues while serving the people of Alabama."

Prior to last week's appointment, Tarbox worked as an attorney at the firm of Marsh & Cotter LLP in Enterprise, Ala. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2013. He and his wife, Mallorie, reside in Enterprise. They are expecting their first child in June.

Elba Police arrested two Sunday afternoon for domestic violence & possession of drugs

Elba Police responded to a domestic violence call Sunday, Jan. 22, which resulted in two people being arrested for not only domestic violence but also illegal drug charges.

According to the Coffee County Jail roster, Ryan Kingston, age 32, of Elba was booked into the county jail at 4:13 p.m. Sunday afternoon after being arrested by Elba Police. He was charged with third-degree domestic violence [\$1,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], first-degree possession of marijuana [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond].

At 4:50 p.m. Sunday



Ryan Kingston & Chelsea Larson

afternoon, county jail records show that Chelsea Larson, age 36, of Elba was booked into the facility after her arrest by Elba Police. She was charged with third-degree domestic violence [\$1,000 bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], first-degree possession of marijuana [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond].

As of press time this week, both Kingston and Larson remained in the Coffee County Jail.

News Brief

Brittany Taylor, age 19, of Arton, Ala., one of two suspects arrested Jan. 9th by deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office for aggravated child abuse was released from jail Friday, Jan. 20, after posting an \$180,000 bond. Also charged in this alleged incident was Nate Smith, age 20, of Arton. He remains in the Coffee County Jail awaiting his "Aniah's Law" pretrial hearing. The hearing was originally set for Jan. 11th; however, Smith reportedly asked for a court appointed attorney at that time, and his hearing was postponed.

EMA director says straight-line winds caused Jan. 12th storm damages across Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Jan. 23, county EMA director James Brown gave a report from the Thursday, Jan. 12, storm damage sustained in the county.

Brown said the county completed a survey with the National Weather Service (NWS), and it was determined to be straight-line winds that caused damage across Coffee County that day.

"We did have a tornado warning, but the damage was done by straight-line winds," Brown said. "Those

winds were about 80 miles-per-hour so they weren't just little winds. They snapped some trees and caused some problems."

He said the county had 36 different sites with trees on the roadways due to the Jan. 12th storm. He said the uninsured damages were estimated to be approximately \$150,000.

"We did not quite meet the criteria for federal assistance," he said.

Brown also warned of another storm system that was predicted for earlier this week. He said predictions were for that storm to move through area last Tuesday night into Wednesday.

Elba High School ACAP team makes presentation during BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, Jan. 17, board members heard presentations from both the high school and elementary school on student testing and plans to improve each school's state report card score.

When scores were released in November, both the elementary and high school scores for Elba were "not where we want them to be" according to school leadership, and superintendent Chris Moseley said the



WRIGHT DONATES ROOKIE JERSEY FOR DISPLAY AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL...Elba's own Alex Wright (left) presented a rookie season game jersey and gloves from his first season playing in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns Friday night, Jan. 20, to Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right). The presentation was made during halftime of the Elba vs. Pike Lib basketball game at Elba High School. Wright was a third-round draft pick (78th overall) in the 2022 NFL draft by the Browns. During his rookie season, Wright - a defensive end - played in all 17 games for the Browns, starting in five of the 17 games. He accounted for 28 total tackles, including 13 solo tackles and 15 assists. Also, Wright had two tackles for a loss on the season and one fumble recovery. Moseley said the shadow box with Wright's rookie jersey and gloves will be prominently displayed at Elba High School as all of Elba is extremely proud of Alex Wright and his accomplishments. (photo by BCSports Photography)

Three teachers approved for TEAMS contracts during Elba BOE meeting

During the Elba BOE meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17, three teachers were approved for TEAMS contract, made possible through the Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) Act. The teams act provides additional compensation to qualifying math and science teachers.

The teachers approved for TEAMS contracts were: Brian Weeks, Ronald Floyd, and Alyssa Spicer.

administrators and teachers at the schools immediately went to work to try and identify problem areas and ways to overcome them.

As the board meeting opened last Tuesday night, the room was filled with teachers, counselors,

administrators from both the elementary school and high school. These educators are all part of what the schools refer to as the ACAP Team.

ACAP, which stands for the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program, is an online assessment designed to provide students, parents, teachers, administrators, and Alabama residents with information regarding student progress towards mastery of the Alabama Course of Study Standards. The 2021-2022 school year was the first time the ACAP test had been used to score student assessment in the state.

In Alabama, students in third through eighth grade take the ACAP in reading and math.

"Both 'principals and teams can say, I have not come to an [ACAP team] meeting and told you what to do or what you need to bring," Moseley said as he addressed the team members present for last week's board meeting. "All I have said is we need to get some teams together and come talk to the board. They need to hear it from the ones who do it every day versus hearing it from one guy."

The superintendent further said to the teachers, "I am proud of the things you are doing, and I know the challenges you all face every day."

Moseley said there were so many factors that went into the first ACAP test results - COVID, when the first report cards go out, a new test. He said all these things happened within the timeframe being discussed.

First to present to the board was Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes. He said the Elba High School ACAP Team is comprised of the junior high teachers, the high school interventionist, and special educa-



NEW DORSEY BUSINESS VENTURE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19, for the new Dorsey Semi-Trailer Parts Store, a spin-off business of the Elba-based Dorsey Trailer manufacturing company. The new semi-trailer parts store will offer trailer parts for all kinds of semi-trailers, and the parts are universal to fit most all brands of semi-trailers. Dorsey Semi-Trailer auto parts is open online already, and the company will also have an on-site location at Dorsey Trailers. Company officials say the business will start up with 7-10 employees with expectations for growth. Those present for last week's ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Scott Maddox, Dorsey plant manager; Joseph Scott, Dorsey assistant vice president; Junior Miss Elba Destinee Tidwell; Elba City Clerk Sally Bane; Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy; Little Miss Elba Bella Bane; Bradley Bane, Dorsey vice president; Shawn Smith, Dorsey design/engineer; Trey Gary, Dorsey president; Christian Spahlinger, Dorsey Semi-Trailers Parts sales rep; April Miller, Dorsey Semi-Trailers Parts sales rep; Sandy Williams, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Elba Mayor Tom Maddox; Phil Smitley, Dorsey CFO; David Dorsey, Dorsey Semi-Trailers Parts sales rep; Rene Lambert, Elba Chamber board member; Tom Butler, Dorsey shipping/receiving; Sandra Berry, administrative assistant to Mayor Maddox; and Joey Daniels, Elba Chamber board member.

Area Happenings

The January 2023 meeting for the DAY Wiregrass Chapter 92, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. The meal and fellowship will begin at 6 followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

The Brundidge Historical Society presents its 2023 Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival featuring Donald Davis, Tim Lowry, Barbara McBride-Smith and Bill Lepp on Friday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the We Piddle Around Theatre in Brundidge [Cost is \$25 and includes meal and stories]; and Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the Trojan Center Theatre on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala. [Cost for the Saturday performances will be \$10 for the 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. shows and \$15 for the 2:30 p.m. show]. Call (334) 685-5525, (334) 808-4237, or (334) 670-6302 for tickets; or tickets will be available at the door for the Saturday performances.

The Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Church on Boll Weevil Circle, located at 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Call 334-447-2252 for more information.

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